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FOL TEL SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI DATED 25 JAN 78
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QUOTE

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E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: REFINERY SEIZURE IN CHIANG MAI

SUMMARY: PNSC/NORTH HAVE SEIZED A SUSPECTED ACTIVE HEROIN
REFINERY IN SARAPHI DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE, ARRESTED
TWO INDIVIDUALS AND SEIZED A LARGE QUANTITY OF REFINING
CHEMICALS AND EQUIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 24, 1978, PNSC/NORTH SEIZED A SUSPECTED
ACTIVE HEROIN REFINERY IN SARAPHI DISTRICT, 4 KM.
FROM CHIANG MAI CITY. THE SEIZURE WAS RESULT OF A
MONTH-LONG JOINT DEA/PNSC INVESTIGATION.

2. OVER 250 KM. OF CHEMICALS WERE SEIZED, INCLUDING
AMMONIUM CHLORIDE, SODIUM BICARBONATE AND ACETIC
ANYHYDRIDE, ALONG WITH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF REFINERY
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EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS.
NO NARCOTICS WERE FOUND. TWO
PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, UNG BUK-SIW OF BANGKOK, THE
SUSPECTED CHEMIST, AND BOONMEE BOONROD OF SARAPHI. IN
ADDITION A PICKUP TRUCK WITH A HIDDEN TRAP WAS FOUND AT
THE SITE. DEA IS CHECKING ON THE TRUCK'S VEHICLE
REGISTRATION IN BANGKOK.

3. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS SITE WAS
PRODUCING HEROIN NUMBER FOUR ON A REGULAR BASIS
EVERY SEVEN DAYS. PRODUCTION WAS DONE AT NIGHT AND
THE HEROIN WAS MOVED OUT BEFORE DAWN. THIS IS THE FIRST
VERIFIED CASE OF A PROBABLE HEROIN REFINERY LOCATED IN
THE CHIANG MAI METROPOLITAN AREA.

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